



Donald Michael Riedlinger Sr.

August 27, 1957 - July 15, 2025

Donald Michael Riedlinger, Sr.
Saginaw, Michigan

Passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at his residence. Age 67 years. Don was born on August 27, 1957, in Saginaw to the late Robert E. and Edwina L. (Schultz) Riedlinger. He was married to Theresa A. (Cherry) Riedlinger on November 25, 1975, in Saginaw, where she survives him.

Don graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1975. He was employed as manager at Pete's Check Cashing, retiring in 2009. He was a member of Sons of Italy and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving are three sons, one daughter and their spouses, Donald Riedlinger, Jr., Roger (Jamie) Riedlinger, Penny (Justin Penny) Riedlinger, William Riedlinger; eight grandchildren, Cody, Casey, Hunter, Baily, Hurley, Jaxtin, Porter, and Reagan; four brothers, Gary (Lyn) Riedlinger, Tom (Shelly) Riedlinger, David (Iona) Riedlinger, Dale (Lonnie) Riedlinger; father-in-law, Peter Alfano; brother-in-law, Joseph Cherry; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Besides his parents, he was also predeceased by one brother, Robert Riedlinger.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service for Don will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc. 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw. The Rev. Kurt Brandon will officiate. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc. on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the memorial service. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Memories and sympathies of Don may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
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wakemanfh@charter.net

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cathy, Mike, Patty. (Reidlinger). purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Michael Riedlinger Sr..*



Cathy, Mike, Patty. (Reidlinger). - July 31, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ *Don wasn't just my friend's dad—he was the neighborhood's second dad. He had a way of making everyone feel welcome, like they belonged. Whether you were a kid needing a ride, a laugh, or just a place to hang out, Don was there.*

He sold me my first set of golf clubs—and later, my first truck. But more than anything, it was how he treated me that stuck with me. He made me feel like part of the family.

We spent countless evenings around the table—not just eating, but laughing, playing cards, and sharing stories. That table was more than a place for meals; it was where people gathered because Don made it a place worth being.

And if you were lucky, every once in a while, Don would break out what he proudly called his air guitar. The rest of us were convinced it was more of an air ukulele, but no one had the heart to tell him.

Don had an easygoing spirit, a quiet generosity, and a sense of humor that brought people together. He'll be deeply missed, but the way he showed up for all of us—that stays with me.

William Foster - July 28, 2025 at 12:09 AM

LG

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Riedlinger family. Don was my brother-from-another-mother, as were the rest of his siblings. I will always remember those rainy days, sitting on the porch reading comic books and listening to records. And "sewer stadium" will always hold a place in my memories! RIP my deat "brother" until we meet again. Love and prayers to the family. Linda (your-sister-from-another-mister).

Linda (Lewis) Gage - July 27, 2025 at 01:24 PM

JH

“ I remember the card parties that fad would take us to at Don's house with all his buddies from H.S. My condolences to Don's family and friends for their loss!! Please know, Don is heading towards heaven or is there! May he live in your heart and memories until the day you are reunited with him in heaven! God bless!! 🙏🙏



--Aaronic Priest
Jeremy Hayes
(Mike McInnis' son)

Jeremy HAYES - July 26, 2025 at 01:25 PM

DK

“ Dale Riedlinger and Lonnie Kolmodin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Michael Riedlinger Sr..



Dale Riedlinger and Lonnie Kolmodin - July 25, 2025 at 08:16 AM

DK

“ Dale Riedlinger and Lonnie Kolmodin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Michael Riedlinger Sr..

Dale Riedlinger and Lonnie Kolmodin - July 25, 2025 at 08:16 AM